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SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST FOR OFFSHORE SEISMIC SPARKER PROFILE AND  
SEAFLOOR DATA

REF: (A) STATE 116943; (B) NEW DELHI 8039; (C) STATE 135220

STATE FOR BORN AND RICHMOND; COMMERCE FOR J. BRUCE  
GRANT (NOAA); BUMINES FOR NAHAI; USGS FOR DAVIDSON

1. OCEANOGRAPHER OFFSHORE SEISMIC SURVEY DATA PROMISED TO  
GOI ARRIVED NEW DELHI JULY 17 AND WERE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY TO THE  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. A RELIEVED AND APPRECIATIVE DR. GOPAL  
RAMASWAMY EXPRESSED HIS MINISTRY'S "HEARTFELT THANKS" TO ALL  
CONCERNED IN THE USG FOR "THEIR SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND DEMONSTRATED  
DESIRE TO RESPOND FULLY TO THIS RATHER UNIQUE PLEA FOR HELP".  
WE WERE ALL, HOWEVER, INADVERTENTLY ASSISTED BY INCLEMENT  
WEATHER IN THE ARABIAN SEA. WHILE WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAD  
PARTICIPATED IN THIS EFFORT,

IF OPERATING CONDITIONS AT SEA  
HAD BEEN BETTER RECENTLY THE DELAY IN SENDING THESE DATA TO NEW  
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DELHI WOULD HAVE REDUCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR EFFORT AND THE

THANKS WE GOT FOR IT.

2. DR. RAMASWAMY ASSURED THE MINERALS ATTACHE THAT THE DATA WOULD BE CARRIED BY MINISTRY COURIER TO THE OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION'S OFFSHORE DRILLING OFFICE "ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT TO BOMBAY". HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY DRAFT A LETTER TO MINISTER D.K. BOROOAH STATING THAT THE INFORMATION HAD ARRIVED IN TIME TO BE OF SIGNIFICANT USE TO THE GOI AND ITS CONTRACTOR, THE OFFSHORE COMPANY INTERNATIONAL.

3. THE MINERALS ATTACHE REVIEWED THE INFORMATION WITH RAMASWAMY, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MICROFILM DOCUMENTATION OF OCEANOGRAPHER "F" DAY FATHOGRAM AND SEISMIC PROFILE READOUTS. CLARITY IS GOOD AND QUALITY (REF A) WILL BE ADEQUATE TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS. "F" DAY NW-SE BASELINE EXTENDING FROM BOMBAY TO GULF OF KUTCH PASSES DIRECTLY OVER BOMBAY HIGH GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE AND WILL BE PRINCIPAL SEAFLOORREFERENCE SOURCE AT INITIAL WELL SITE.

4. DRILL SHIP "SAGAR SAMRAT" REMAINS IN A STANDBY POSITION 15 MILES NORTHWEST OF BOMBAY WAITING FOR SEAS TO SUBSIDE. ABOUT THREE DAYS ARE REQUIRED WITH WAVES NOT MORE THAN SIX FEET IN HEIGHT AT THE WELL SITE BEFORE SHIP CAN BE MOVED. REVISED DRILLING PLANS NOW CALL FOR THE FIRST WELL TO BE DRILLED AT COORDINATES: 19 08'N; 71 22'E, APPROXIMATELY 82 MILES NORTHWEST OF BOMBAY. WATER DEPTH AT HOLE SITE: 230 FEET. ESTIMATED DEPTH OF HOLE: 7,500 FEET. MONSOON WEATHER IN THE ARABIAN SEA HAS BEEN SEVERE DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, BUT JULY 16 FORECAST REPORTEDLY INDICATES THAT A FAVORABLE BREAK MAY NOW BE ANTICIPATED AROUND JULY 22.  
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